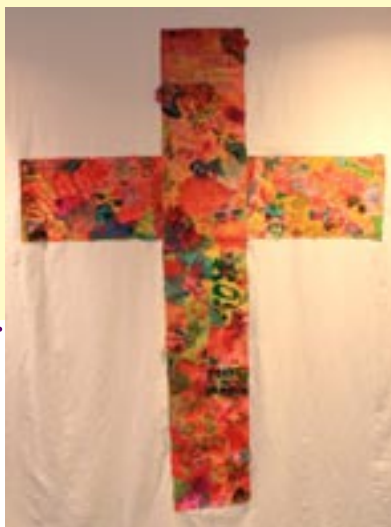




# CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL, 2011



## NEW ART AND SPIRIT MINISTRY AT ELMWOOD

*"In this circle, no fear... in this circle safety" - prayer song used at Elmwood*

This month, an Art & Spirit ministry was begun at Elmwood Correctional Facility for Women in Milpitas. The purpose of this ministry is for the women to see and feel the love of God through creativity and to empower disciples of Jesus Christ. They are making, in community, art for their worship room.

Each Sunday, worship is held in the jail, guided by rotating groups. In conversation with Reverend Louann Roberts more than a year ago, it became apparent that their dingy, plain worship room could use some spirit! We discussed the possibility that the women themselves create the art to be used there.

After attending Sunday worship at Elmwood, where 30 women instantly signed up for this new ministry, a six woman team from Campbell UMC planned a project (which is a bit daunting given jail restrictions: no scissors, no pens, no pencils, no... etc.) and an inspirational worship experience for each evening. We sing together, we

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**Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**

**African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.**

*(1st & 3rd Sundays)*

**New Creation UMC Worship: 12:30 p.m.**

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## Pastor's Point of View



"Wow" seems to be the word that best summarizes most people's response to last Sunday's Integrated Circuit worship service at Leigh High School!

The eight churches of the Integrated Circuit decided to hold a worship service together... nobody was counting, but we think somewhere between 1200 and 1300 people were there to worship together and celebrate our shared ministry. Bishop Warner Brown was our preacher, and he challenged us to be creative and courageous in reaching out to a world in need. Dr. Marcia Mcfee led the singing and liturgy. Words projected onto screens directed the course of the service. Even though we were all sitting on hard bleachers and an even harder floor, nobody seemed to care. A last-minute directive from the School District prevented us from putting folding chairs on the gymnasium floor, but most people didn't seem to be too troubled.

120 voices in the choir sang "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" and every spine in the room was tingling! Combining many voices in praise and worship is truly and inspiration including those who say they can't sing!

The Integrated Circuit is a relatively new configuration of eight congregations in Silicon Valley. The pastors meet twice each month and give support for each other's ministries. In the last year a number of configurations of lay leaders from each church have also been meeting and supporting each other. We are exploring together what it might mean to be in ministry together in this community.

There are many ways in which we might build collaboration and sharing of resources. What would you like to see happen? There are many things we could do together... feeding the homeless, jail ministry, mission teams, interfaith and other educational programs. Please share your thoughts and ideas for shared ministry.

As we embrace an uncertain future, it is comforting to know that there are fellow travelers with us on the journey. It is also great to know that there is a large pool of resourceful people who are always ready to help out and support our ministries.

So, I join the chorus of "Wow" about the Integrated Circuit. Together, by the power of God, we make a difference in Silicon Valley. *(see photos on p. 9)*

### Palm Sunday is coming

Does anybody have palm trees in their yard or somewhere "accessible" that might need to be trimmed sometime in mid-April? We need palm leaves to give to everyone and to decorate the sanctuary for Palm Sunday on April 17th.

Please contact Pastor Alan, or the office, if you can help.

Pastor Alan

**FOCUS on African Fellowship**



**Rev. Daniel Gbundema  
Appointment**

The Pastor-Staff Parish Relations (PSPR) Committee is pleased to announce the exciting news of Rev. Daniel Gbundema's appointment to Campbell UMC as Associate Pastor for African Ministries. Bishop Brown of the California/Nevada Annual Conference made the appointment of Rev. Daniel to Campbell UMC, with Bishop Yambasu of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference approving the appointment across conference lines. The PSPR Committee affirmed Bishop Brown's appointment at the March meeting. Rev. Daniel's appointment is a quarter-time appointment, funded by a grant from the North San Jose Church Extension Society (a UMC-connectional organization), and by identified funds/donations outside of the regular CUMC operating budget. Further grant opportunities are being explored. Be sure to congratulate Rev. Daniel on his appointment! Thanks be to God for Rev. Daniel and every member of the African Fellowship at Campbell UMC!

The PSPR Committee

**City of Campbell's  
Great American Litter  
PICK UP  
Saturday, May 7, 2011  
Clean-up - 8:30-11:30 a.m.  
Celebration - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

**In the COMMUNITY**

**InnVision Dinner**

A team of hard-working volunteers led by Sue Foyle and Jean LaPierre served 234 dinners at InnVision on Friday evening, February 25th. The pork stew, rice, corn bread, cole slaw, fruit, and home-baked cookies were extremely popular with the diners. After feeding all of the original 234 patrons, a significant number returned for second helpings.

There is no way to adequately thank the hard-working volunteers except to note that a significant number of very poor, homeless and challenged souls had a good, nutritious, tasty and hot meal on an otherwise wet, cold and grim night. There were many resonses of "thank you" and "God bless you." Repeated rounds of applause demonstrated their thanks and gratitude.

Church and Society committee particularly wants to thank Sue Foyle, Jean LaPierre, and the kitchen crew: Barbara Faraone, Lou Woodburycatcott, Laura Smith, Linda Kropff, Karen Palmer, Michael Chang and Bob Herring. The

committee also wishes to thank those who transported food and served the food: Carol Griffith, Laverne Jury, Janice McClanahan, Russ and Laura Smith, Gail Jacobs, Linda Solis and her son, Marcel, Sherry and John Finzel, and Dean Boatwright.

Church and Society would also especially like to thank the many people who contributed both money and food to make this project a success. A special thank-you to the Youth Group, which baked 20 dozen cookies!

Franklin Bondonno, for the Church and Society Committee ✕

**How Many People does it Take to Clean Up a Creek?**

An entire congregation, that's how many! The youth group will be going out to Oka Pond to pick up trash on Sunday, March 27 and we are hoping that all church members will join us. It's a great way to serve the community, spend time with friends (old and new), get some time in the fresh air and it's just plain fun.

UMYF will be meeting for lunch in

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**HISTORY HELPERS**

*"snippets from our past"*

*from the April 23, 1974 edition of the "Spotlight News"*

**MEMORIALS**

Our response to the "Memorial Handbells" has been good. We have decided (Administrative Board, April 10, 1974), to move out in faith and have ordered Four Octaves-52 Bells. This will enable us to have a greater range of music, more participants, and more versatile combinations.

NOW--why not help us make possible this last octave? Place a memorial in the church remembering a loved one. We do not want a single donor, but many, for when the Bell Chorus plays in the future we want them to remind us of many loved ones. (Note--information on how to donate was attached).



## Hikers Share Leadership

The High Road Hikers met, ate, and planned. Printed copies of the 2011 Hikers calendar are available from the publicity kiosk in Fellowship Hall. For an e-mail version, contact Susan Sargent at hrhiker@aol.com. Watch the Sunday bulletin Addendum for information on specific hikes. Happy Hiking! ❖

## 50+ Group Visits Walt Disney Family Museum

Walt Disney was one of the most influential and popular figures of the 20th century. Join in the 50+ visit to the 18,000 square foot Museum at the Presidio, San Francisco, on Friday, April 15th. See how the stories and characters we all love were developed through animated and live action films, television and theme parks. Follow Disney's life and career through 10 galleries packed with interactive exhibits, original art work, archival material and more than 200 video monitors. Sense Disney's star quality through photos and home movies, see how the early character-driven animation style was developed. You will enjoy every minute! Museum ticket price is \$15 for seniors.

Lunch at the Cafe, operated by Wolfgang Puck Catering. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th. Look for the sign-up table on April 3 and 10. Call Betty or Bob Renfer at 408-248-8756 with any questions. ❖

## Bright Days Annual Auction

Deadline for donation items to the Bright Days Auction is drawing near.

The auction donation deadline is April 18, 2011. The auction display begins in Fellowship Hall on May 1st and closes on May 11th at 6 p.m. during our Spaghetti Dinner. All are invited to take part in each stage of our fund-raising effort: from donating to bidding and taking home your final bid purchases.

You may bring your donations to either the Campbell UMC or Bright Days office.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Mary Smith, Director  
Bright Days Preschool

408-378-8422, Bright\_days@earthlink.net ❖

## Spring Extravagant Generosity Workshop

The Stewardship Committee wants to invite you to participate hands-on and make a difference in our community for our next Extravagant Generosity Workshop on Saturday, April 16 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We want to follow up our successful workshops over the last 2 years where we were able to work on community projects and share afterward over a light lunch. This is an opportunity to provide direct support for families and organizations who need an extra hand. Previous projects have included yard work, gutter cleaning, planting, and minor home repair.

You can sign up between services on April 3rd or 10th or contact Stewardship Committee members, including Alan Jones or committee co-chairs Marv Tanner or Diana Lovelady. Also let us know of any families or organizations in our community you know that may need some help with tasks or projects. We are still working on our list of possible projects.

Childcare will be provided. ❖

## Give the Gift of Life

Donate blood at the Campbell Community Blood Drive, Monday, April 18th, from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Campbell United Methodist Church. Donors with type O blood are especially needed. You can schedule an appointment by going online to redcrossblood.org, and entering the sponsor code (CampbellCommunity). You can also call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. ❖

## Family Fun Event

We had such a great time at our last Family Fun Event in September, we are bringing you another one! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. We will have family activities, singing and dinner. ❖

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2011

VBS is just around the corner! Be sure to reserve June 27th- July 1st, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. for your kids that are preschool through entering 6th graders (Fall 2011), right here at our very own Campbell UMC. Our youth fellowship are already underway in planning the week's activities. Keep an eye out for registration information in April. ❖

### Spring Concert

On April 17, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. the musicians of Campbell UMC will present an afternoon of musical delight for your enjoyment and edification.

The main feature will be Robert Ray's Gospel Mass. Composed in 1978, Ray wants us to hear a 20th century interpretation of music that has enjoyed a long liturgical tradition. Gospel Mass will be sung in English instead of Latin and it will reflect the joyful, upbeat celebratory style of the African-American Church.

Gospel Mass will feature the Chancel Choir with soloists James Creer, Janice Schlager and Roxanne Kohlin. Accompaniment will be with electric bass guitar (Greg Goebel), Neal Goggans (drums, he is with New Creation UMC) and Mary Ann Gee on the keyboard.

Other pieces in the program will feature Brian Holmes with his French Horn, organ music about flowers (you name the flowers) and Campbell UMC's Carillon Choir.

The program is an hour long. As in the past, a scrumptious reception will follow. Admission is free. Please bring friends along.... it's a wonderful opportunity to introduce new folks to our church.

Mary Ann Gee ❖

# Methodist Connection

## Care-A-Vaners

Elaine and Eugene Hill, and Marv and Ina Tanner will be joining the Conference Volunteer in Mission Team, Care-A-Vaners, in May as they travel to Salt Lake City to work at the United Methodist Committee on Relief Depot, and volunteer in the community.

Get ready to turn in your kits, or assemble supplies for the warehouse. The Tanners and Hills are willing to save you shipping costs by taking your supplies with them. In alphabetical order the kits are:

- Bedding kits
- Birthing kits
- Cleaning buckets
- Health kits
- Layette kits
- School kits
- Sewing kits
- Bulk materials.

In order to find out what is currently to be included in each kit look on the world wide web at UMCOR.org. Put your cursor on the "how to give" box. Scroll down to "relief supplies" and click. Find the kit that you are interested in, put the cursor on the red "kit page" and click. You now have a list of the correct supplies that are needed for that kit. Please do NOT include any extra items. If you want to buy in bulk only one item requested for that kit, that is fine. All items must be new and have never been washed.

- Most needed items at this time are:
1. hand towels 15"x25" to 16"x27" (no kitchen towels)
  2. nail files or finger nail clippers (no toe nail clippers)
  3. children's blunt scissors (no plastic blades)
  4. hand held pencil sharpeners (minimum size 1 inch)

**We will be collecting these items between March 27 - April 17. Containers for kits are in the Fellowship Hall lobby.**

Elaine Hill ✕

## UM Women - Fund Raising

After meeting their budgeted obligations, United Methodist Women members voted to release \$5,000 in funds to support selected, worthy but non-budget projects in the United States and worldwide.

Recipients of funds include: Cambodian Ministries, Joseph and Marilyn Chan; our youth who will attend Sierra Service Project; Heart of the Valley, non-profit services for seniors to support independent living; New Vision Pavilion at Shasta Camp; and Nothing But Nets - a campaign to save lives by preventing Malaria.

In addition, the groups' monthly "Love Gift" donations beyond pledges, supports special projects of effective non-profit organizations.

Myra Wight, Campbell UMW Executive ✕

## UMW Luncheon

All are invited to the **United Methodist Women's Spring Luncheon** which has the theme this year of "**Country Fair**", on Saturday, April 30th in the Fellowship Hall. Table Viewing is at 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12 noon Luncheon. Musical entertainment is provided by Sunrise, Anna and Ron Green. For more information on their music, go to <http://www.soundwestmusic.com/>

Tickets will be sold Sunday mornings April 3, 10, and 17 and the cost is \$12. Tickets are also available from UMW Circle Leaders. The deadline for purchase is April 25th. Childcare will be provided if requested at time of ticket purchase. Tickets will not be available at the door.

For ticket information, contact Sally Wenzel, 371-7466 ✕

## One Great Hour of Sharing

On April 3rd, United Methodists will observe and participate in, One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering underwrites all of the administrative functions of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) so that any monies received for specific relief, charitable or educational causes, will go to the specific project and not to administrative costs.

Your generous support of One Great Hour of Sharing will enable UMCOR to do its work more effectively. ✕

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the youth room at 11:45 p.m. Feel free to bring a bag lunch and join us. We will leave for Oka pond at 12:30 p.m. Meet us in the church parking lot to car pool. Maps are available. All you have to bring is yourself and a pair of work gloves. We'll supply the rest. ✂

### Interfaith Service

On February 17 an interfaith prayer service was held at Campbell UMC to celebrate the success of Egypt's non-violent demonstrations against a repressive regime and to pray for the future safety of the Egyptians and their neighbors. Among the worshipers on this cold, rainy evening were Muslims, Christians, Jews, Jains and no doubt members of other faiths and traditions.

The service started with Muslim call to prayer. Then Zahra Billoo from the council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) read a letter from Congressman Mike Honda which said, in part, "Tonight's event celebrates a watershed moment in Egypt's history, one that highlights the enduring strength of the principles of free speech, nonviolence and freedom." Pastor Alan spoke, as did Samina Sundas (American Muslim Voice) and Rev. D. Andrew Kille (Interfaithspace). Rev. Bruce Bramlett, an Episcopal priest, and Rabbi Dana Magat of Temple Emanu-El led us in prayer. Rabbi Magat made an interesting juxtaposition of the escape of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt in early Jewish history and Egyptians' current longing for freedom from slavery.

The most moving part of the evening, I think everyone would agree, was the extraordinarily eloquent description of the uprising by Saira Lari, a young Muslim from Palo Alto. She was studying at the university in Cairo when the uprising began. She told us that Cairo is a big chaotic town. For example, there is no check-out line at grocery stores and everyone pushes to get to the front. Yet during this uprising Muslims were protecting Christians (after the bombing of a church during a service) and Christians were protecting Muslims and Muslim property during Friday prayers. One day when Saira and her

husband were leaving the house to buy food, the concierge told them, "Look, you are Americans; you should not go out there."

"But we need to buy some food," Saira explained.

"Don't worry about it. I'll bring you food. Stay inside and be safe."

Saira said it was amazing to see how Egyptians rich and poor, old and young, Muslim and Christian moved beyond their fear to unite with the common cause of overthrowing a dictator. The chant in the streets became "Muslims, Christians; we are all Egyptians." After Mubarak resigned, the young men of the city, who usually laze around with nothing to do, went to work cleaning up, eager to be useful.

Music for the service was provided by the CUMC choir (which sang "For the beauty of the earth") and by a Jewish cantor, who taught the Campbell UMC choir the words of a Hebrew song. At the end of the service an Egyptian woman sang her country's national anthem, reducing us to tears with the beauty and power of her singing. In that moment we glimpsed a world in which our historic barriers would fall and people of all faiths and backgrounds would live together in peace.

Sue Edson. ✂

### 34th Annual South Bay Crop Walk

The South Bay CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, April 3rd, starting at Hoover Middle School, and walking through the beautiful Rose Garden area of San Jose. Registration is from 1:00-1:30 p.m., and the walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Twenty-five percent of monies raised goes to local agencies (Second Harvest Food Bank and Sacred Heart Community Service), while 75% of funds of funds raised goes to Church World Service to aid refugees, meet needs in natural disasters and emergencies, and promote sustainable self-help development projects.

Sign-up sheets and sponsor forms will be available during Fellowship Hour. You may also sign up online at <http://www.crophungerwalks.org/sbp/> ✂

### Lecture Presentation

*"The Future of Faith" by Harvey Cox*

You are invited to a free presentation on Sunday, April 10th at 3:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose. Harvey Cox is a Hollis Research Professor of Divinity at Harvard, talks about his most recent book, *The Future of Faith*, in which he writes, "Today we cannot avoid asking ... what the drastic transformation of all we know about the early Christians suggests for the future."

There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall following the presentation. For further information



**SOUP SUPPER RECIPE**  
**WHITE BEAN, KALE AND SAUSAGE SOUP**  
 FROM LAURA SMITH

<p>1 Tbsp olive oil                  1 lb. Italian sausage  <i>(we like hot but mild is fine)</i>                  5 cloves garlic, minced                  1 bunch shredded kale, <i>(discard stems)</i>                  3 15oz cans white beans, drained                  1 49.5 oz can chicken stock                  1 15oz can chopped tomatoes  <i>(with Italian seasoning, if desired)</i>                  1 tsp dried oregano                  2 Tbsp chopped parsley (opt)                  grated parmesan or romano cheese</p>	<p><i>In large skillet heat olive oil and cook the sausage until it begins to brown. Add the garlic and cook just until the garlic begins to soften. Add the kale and cook, stirring until wilted. Add the beans, stock, tomatoes and oregano and bring to a gentle boil. Garnish with the parsley and cheese, if using. Serves 4-6.</i></p>
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# Reflections from a Retired Pastor



**Give Ear to  
My Prayer**

*Rev. Larry LaPierre*

The writer of Psalm 17 pleads with God for us in verse 1: "Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit."<sup>1</sup> I know of no gift more important than the gift of someone listening to us. Of all the other gifts that I have been given, forgiveness, guidance, affirmation or love, at some point someone had to listen to know what I needed or wanted.

I was born with a reasonably intact gift of hearing which survived the assault of a number of ear infections when I was a young child. However, I had to learn to listen. In fact, I spent the first unit of my chaplaincy training working on the skill of listening. Why did I have to work on learning to listen? It was because I was too full of my own opinions and knowledge. I didn't try to hear what the person was saying beyond the most obvious meaning of their words. Worse yet, I intervened with something "helpful" to say as soon as I thought I knew what the person needed.

The Psalmist pleads with God over and over again for God to hear him but what the writer really is asking for is something much greater. A tape recorder (or digital voice recorder for those younger than me) can hear and record the sound of our words. We need for God to actively listen to the message flowing from our hearts.

I was taught from the time I was seven years old that God hears our prayers. However, probably because I was much too young to understand the distinction, no one talked with me about how God listens. God listens as One who loves and cares about everything about us—not just as someone focused on our words.

In other words, God is always open to what we are communicating. Are

we praying with long lists of needs? God hears that we need help coping with our burdens. Are we praying with sorrow over our actions or our failures to act? God hears that we want to turn back towards God's loving will. Are we praying with joy? God hears that we are aware of God's presence in our hearts and in the world around us

I've heard it said that "The eyes are the gateway to the soul." Perhaps they are, but actively listening to a person is also a way to experience what is in their souls.

Jesus reminds us, "Let anyone with ears (to hear) listen!" (Matt. 11:15; 13:9). In the first instance, Jesus is proclaiming the significance of John the Baptist. In the second he is emphasizing what he has just taught the crowds in the parable of the sower. We need to actively listen for the significance of what God and God's people are saying to us.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ✕

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## What's Your Miracle?

by Mark Shepherd

The Encarta dictionary defines a miracle as:  
*mir·a·cle* [mirrk'l]

1. *act of God: an event that appears to be contrary to the laws of nature and is regarded as an act of God*
2. *amazing event: an event or action that is amazing, extraordinary, or unexpected*
3. *marvelous example: something admired as a marvelous creation or example of a particular type of science or skill*

Synonyms: *wonder, phenomenon, marvel, sensation, vision, dream*

And still, Websters dictionary defines Miracle as:

1. *an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs*
2. *an extremely outstanding or unusual event, thing, or accomplishment*
3. *Christian Science: a divinely natural phenomenon experienced humanly as the fulfillment of spiritual law*  
*See miracle defined for English-language learners »*

Examples of MIRACLE

1. *She believed that God had given her the*

*power to work miracles.*

2. *It would take a miracle for this team to win.*

3. *the miracle of his recovery*

Miracles take many shapes and reveal themselves in sometimes the most remarkable ways. Yet, they can also appear in the most subtle of ways. I would add that miracles are all around us, and many times we miss them. Perhaps we're just too busy or pre-occupied to notice or see the miracle.

Approximately 6 years ago, all present were blessed to witness the undeniable miracle of Don Olson, who should not have survived cardiac arrest and was clinically without a heartbeat for over 6 minutes before paramedics arrived. After being rushed to the hospital, doctors told his wife Pat that he was without brain function and the prognosis was very bleak. What happened after that, was nothing short of a miracle.

Being so moved by this story, I asked the Olsons if they would be willing to share their story with everyone in a video documentary which we titled, "The Miracle Chronicles." You may have seen it in one of the services years ago. With permission of Pat Olson, it is now available to view on-line.

Go to [CampbellUnited.org](http://CampbellUnited.org) and click on "Videos". On the Videos page, you will find a YouTube link to watch "The Miracle Chronicles"

I personally learned a great deal in reporting this story. I learned how one man's will to live, when coupled with excellent medicine, a positive family attitude, a strongly supportive community, prayer and God's grace came together to create a miracle.

So what are some of your miracles? It can be seemingly small, and yet significant because it brought you so much joy. It can be something that defies natural human reasoning or logic...divine intervention, or even the answer to your prayers. Whatever your miracles may be, they're extraordinary. You are welcome to share them with everyone.

Simply email them to Heather Reynolds at [hreynolds63@gmail.com](mailto:hreynolds63@gmail.com) to be included in our newsletter. ✕

# LENT and HOLY WEEK

Telling Our story to a World that Doesn't Understand Church - Lent /Holy Week

The season of Lent and Holy week is here. This year the tradition of the weekly soup suppers continues. Each Tuesday during Lent dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by a speaker. This is a great time to meet in fellowship, learn and discuss the theme of "Telling the story."



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 27th

Telling the Story so that Everyone Can Understand, *Acts 2:1-13*

March 29th: Soup Supper 6-8:00 p.m.

How Do We Create New Forms for the Future Church?

Speaker: Rev. Kristie Olah, District superintendent, El Camino Real District

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3rd

One Great Hour of Sharing

Telling the Story in a "Virtual" World, *Acts 2:43-47*

April 5th: Soup Supper 6-8:00 p.m.

How Do We "Connect" in the Emerging Realities of Community and Communication?

Speaker: Daniel Pickens-Jones, Online Media Professional

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 10th

Telling the Story With Confidence, *Matthew 28:16-28*

April 12th: Soup Supper 6-8:00 p.m.

How Do We Get There From Here?

Speaker: Rev. Alan Jones

## Palm Sunday

April 17th

Engaging the Journey,  
*Matthew 21:1-11*

*Spring Concert* - 3 p.m. Reception following



## Maundy Thursday

April 21st, 7:00 p.m.

*John 13:1-17, 31b-35, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*  
(Joint service with New Creation UMC)



## Good Friday

April 22nd

12 noon, and 7 p.m.

*John 18:1-19-42*

(Joint service hosted by New Creation UMC)



## Easter Vigil

April 23, 7:30 p.m.

The traditional extended worship service including a neighborhood procession, retelling the Bible story, welcoming new members and sharing communion.



## Easter Day

Festival Worship, April 24  
*John 20:1-18, Acts 10:34-43*



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## ART AND SPIRIT MINISTRY . . .

reflect on scripture, we pray and . . . we create!

Inspired by Matthew 5:14 "You are here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world", the women created collage papers, individual collage crosses with prayers, and a large color-filled hanging cross. Even amidst tremendous pain and crisis, we truly experienced the presence of God and that healing love.

Chaplain Louann wrote:

"I'm amazed at the significance of what you all brought and what the ladies did last night. Besides the beauty of the art, music, and conversation - under all that - was a profound healing. Individual and communal healing. Much of our psychological and spiritual healing as humans takes place within relationships, and you gave them a safe place to build relationships. Wow! I pray they will so desire to repeat the unity and love they felt last night that they will support each other during the week, pray for one another and grow spiritually strong so they will make the internal changes. I hope their unity will be evident to other inmates and to the staff. My hope is that March 20th (worship service) will be a day of real insight and true worship."

In future Connections articles, you will be hearing from the Campbell UMC participants: Gillian Harrington, Sheri Woodhouse, Ginny Johnson, Sue Foyle, Lou Woodburycatcott and Elaine Bondonno. Meanwhile, please speak with them about this ministry.

If you are interested in participating and signing up for the training, please contact Elaine Bondonno. ✂



**Franklin Bondonno** has been selected as **Outstanding Civil Trial Judge for 2011**.

*This selection is made by the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association. He will be honored at the Annual Judge's dinner at the Fairmont on May 5th. He was appointed to the bench in 2005 and has served in a number of capacities, including drug court and civil litigation.*

*He presently chairs Church and Society at Campbell UMC.*

Thanks to Eight UM Congregations & the Integrated Circuit for the inspiring Worship Service of Silicon Valley Church on March 13, 2011





## MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEWS

January income exceeded expenses by \$9.8K and slightly exceeded budget by \$0.5K. Our January expenses were \$4.7K less than budget. Our giving in February was \$4.8K less than expected. Like last year, giving is off to a slow start through February. If our giving pattern is similar to 2010, we would expect giving to return to budget levels. Please do your part in keeping your pledges current and catch up if needed. Our church has major immediate insurance and tax expenses that will require recovery in our giving.

### Income & Expenses thru January 2011



	January	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Income	\$43.2K	\$43.2K	\$42.7K
Expenses	\$33.4K	\$33.4K	\$38.1K
Excess	\$9.8K	\$9.8K	

## FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP IN APRIL

Financial planning is a set of goals and strategies tailored to meet an individual's specific values, abilities, and needs. Comprehensive financial planning can encompass a number of critical areas: retirement planning, estate planning, insurance, tax planning, investment management, cash management, budgeting, education funding, trust management, planning for long term care, and charitable and planned giving. In effective financial planning, all elements are coordinated with the aim of building, protecting, and maximizing net worth in order to provide you and your family security and a greater ability to honor your values.

Anyone who has financial challenges to solve or financial goals to achieve needs financial planning. A financial plan can help to achieve both greater wealth and financial security. The financial process may be done on one's own or with a financial planner. A financial planner can help get an individual's financial future in order. With a financial planner, an individual will go through a series of steps to help accomplish their goals.

The financial process begins with setting goals. These goals may be short term (hope to achieve within the next 12 months) or long term (will take longer than 12 months to achieve). Goals may be focused and specific (establishing a budget) or comprehensive (retirement planning).

In considering your Financial Plan, you may find it informative to participate in the workshop hosted by the Endowment Fund Committee in the Fireside Room on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Matt Daugavietis, a financial planner, will be the presenter. Refreshments will be available.

When setting up or reviewing your financial plan, consider a charitable or planned gift to the Campbell United Methodist Church Endowment Fund. Have you thought about your legacy?

Contact George Cleveland, chair or Terry Johnson, Vice-Chair, Endowment Committee with any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be June 27 through July 1. VBS is open to all students from preschoolers (3 years old and potty-trained) to those entering 6th grade. Look for more information in the upcoming months.

## Summer Camps!

This summer the California Nevada Conference offers some great camps for children and youth. There are camps for all ages, for those entering 3rd grade all the way through high school. It's an experience your kids will be talking about for years to come. So check it out. Go to: [www.cnumc.org/camping](http://www.cnumc.org/camping) for a list of all the camps and registration forms. If you have any questions you can call Melinda at 408-247-3577.

## UMYF TALKING "LISTEN UP"

### CALENDAR

**sunday, march 27, 11:45-2 p.m.**  
easter planning

**sunday, april 3, 11:45 a.m.**  
crop walk

**friday, april 8, 6 p.m.**  
progressive dinner

**sunday, april 10**  
no meeting

**sunday, april 17, 11:45 a.m.**  
regular meeting

**saturday, april 23, 7:30 p.m.**  
easter vigil

**sunday, april 24**  
no meeting



## TECHNOLOGY

### CUMC TV is Here

In keeping with the current times, a video ministry is forming which is currently called "CUMC TV." Currently, the 10:30 a.m. sermons have been video recorded since December 2010 and are being archived on-line for everyone to view at anytime. This will enable anyone, such as shut-ins, those who missed a service, and even those who simply want a "refresher" of a previous message to have access to the good word on their own computer, or portable internet connected device. All these videos will be available on the church's upcoming new website. Until then, you can enjoy them on-line by going to:

Campbell UMC TV links are now available at the new website. Go to: [CampbellUnited.org](http://CampbellUnited.org) and click on "Videos." On the Videos page, you will find links to sermons and more!

Eventually, this ministry can branch out into other forms of storytelling with video, possible integration of video into church services, as well as live-streaming of services (or messages).

If you have ever wanted to be involved with television, video, or would like to participate in the new CUMC TV ministry, there is plenty to be involved with, such as planning, managing, running camera, light editing and preparing the video for distribution on the internet. Whether you have experience is not important. As long as you have a desire or interest to be a part of an exciting new ministry, you're invited to contact Mark Shepherd at [mark@LegacyFilmsAndMedia.com](mailto:mark@LegacyFilmsAndMedia.com), or call (408) 356-3400.



### New Church Web Site On-Line

The Outreach and Technology teams are pleased to announce that the new Campbell United Methodist Church web page is on-line at:

[www.campbellunited.org](http://www.campbellunited.org)

This is the first step into the bigger world of web-based communications for CUMC and is still a work in progress. Check it out! Send any feedback to [areynoldsRE@gmail.com](mailto:areynoldsRE@gmail.com)



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- for Christ and the world.

*If Only*

*If I could be a bird and fly  
Into the sun  
And flap my wings and  
sing my song  
As I would wish it done.*

*If I could leave this flat  
old earth  
And float away on high  
I'd sing my song as I  
flew along  
And bring music to  
the sky.*

*Peg Ingle*

*from  
the Heart*

Dear Church Friends,  
We would like to thank our church family for all the many cards, telephone calls and all the wonderful food Larry & Jane LaPierre sent us. So happy the Lord sent them to us. Thanks also to Pastor Alan for a wonderful visit and to our daughters & granddaughters for the many hours they spent with us.

Dick and Bertie Meehan

To Our Dear Church Family:

On behalf of the whole family, I want to extend our heartfelt thank you for all the love and support given to us and especially Dad. His last few years were difficult and it brightened his day immensely to get phone calls, cards, visits and personal greetings at church. Your prayers sustained us and will continue to be a source of comfort and peace as we move forward.

With love and gratitude: Laura and Russ Smith,  
John Johns and Ms. Winnie